MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ബസ്സുകൾ തിരിച്ചറിയുന്നതി നുവേണ്ടി സി. പി. ർ ഫ. സി. പി. ൾ. എന്നങ്ങനെയുള്ള നമ്പരു കൾ കാണുന്നുണ്ട്. അതു മാറിയാൽ കൊള്ളാം.

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The question of registration of these buses has already engaged the attention of the Police Commissioner, and the Transport Superintendent is awaiting T. V. R. Nos. for the transport buses; in the interval, till the receipt of the T. V. R. Nos., in order to enable the individual buses being identified, these C. P. Nos. have been given. "C. P." is a contraction for "Commer Perkins," the maker of these vehicles.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ഈ നമ്പരുകൾ യാത്രക്കാർക്കു കാണത്തക്ക വിധത്തിലാണോ വച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതു്?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I should think these numbers must be in a prominent and observable part of the vehicle.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN : ഇതിലേ പോകുന്ന ബസ്സുകളിൽ ഉള്ള നമ്പരുകൾ അയിഡൻറിഫൈ ചെയ്യാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നതെങ്ങനെ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I have not cared to look into the numbers of these vehicles; I thought it was the function of the Police department.

Appointments in the Transport Department.

46. ✻ MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement by caste of the following employees in the State Transport Department, stating therein the number in each group, who are natives of Neyyattinkara taluk;

(1) Division Inspectors,
(2) Checking Inspectors,
(3) Conductors,
(4) Drivers,
(5) Parcel Clerks,
(6) Office staff, and
(7) Mechanics?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : The Transport Department is mainly a commercial Department and no question of representation of various communities arises. The trouble involved in collecting these statistics is not commensurate with the possible benfit to be gained.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : Are there ary other commercial departments in the State?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI : I do not think there is any other department in the State which is a commercial department, pure and simple as the Transport department is.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE : May I know what the honourable member means by commercial department?

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MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I mean a department run on the basis of profit and loss.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is not the Anchal department being run on that basis?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Not absolutely; it may be called a quasi commercial department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: What will be the harm done to profit and loss if the principle of communal representation is adopted?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government cannot consider for a moment the question of issuing instructions to the Transport Superintendent to recruit men to his department according to the principle of communal representation, and to fetter the ample powers which they have given him with a view to choose efficient, reliable and competent men irrespective of communal considerations. So far as purely commercial departments are concerned, efficiency cannot be sacrified to communal or other considerations even to the slightest extent.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I ask whether at present efficiency is being sacrificed to any extent in the departments to which recruitment is made on the communal basis?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Government have not issued any prohibitory order excluding any community from the State Transport Service.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: What is the total number of employees in the department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: About a couple of hundreds.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether at any time efficiency has been sacrificed for the sake of communal representation?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I did not say so.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I ask whether efficiency, reliability and competence are the only considerations for recruitment in the Transport department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Yes, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum Town*): Do the Government consider that the Electrical department is a commercial department?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Not in the sense that the Transport department is a commercial department.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know the distinction between the two departments in their commercial nature?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: I believe the Electrical department is not treated as a commercial department pure and simple.

Clerks in the State Transport Superintendent's Office.

47. * MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the clerks and peons appointed in the State Transport Superintendent's Office?

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